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Mr. Mike Murphy  
Moon Mountain Stone  
833 North Grayson Parkway 3-2  
Blanding, Utah 84511

Re: Topsoil Salvage Requirements, Moon Mountain Stone, Cloudy Moon Quarry, S/037/116, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On March 27, 2003, I visited the referenced site with Ted McDougall of the Bureau of Land Management. (Mr. McDougall was with me to visit several other sites; I recognize that the site is on SITLA land and that the BLM has no jurisdiction in the area of your mine.) As discussed in the enclosed inspection report, I am concerned that it does not appear you have been salvaging soil even though there is some soil that could be saved. Before recommencing quarrying activities in the quarry on the west side of the point, you need to salvage and stockpile soil.

There has not been a lot of disturbance in the east quarry other than blading a road and driving over the surface. If your operations in this area continue as they have in the past, it should not be necessary to salvage soil. However, if you begin to dig stone or in other ways create more significant disturbance, you will need to salvage topsoil.

In other ways, it appeared your operation was in compliance with the R647 regulations. The sites were clean and free of trash, and I saw no signs of accelerated erosion or excess sediment being transported offsite.

Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker  
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Inspection report w/photos

cc: John Blake, SITLA w/encl

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